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INSOLVENT FOR TEN YEARS.

Startling Revelation Concerning a Holidaymaker's Pa. Bank.

Holidaymaker, Pa., Dec. 31.—The true financial condition of the bank of Gardner, Morrow & Co., that closed its doors last September, was made public to-day. The liabilities aggregated \$3,739,275. The good assets foot up \$84,000 and the uncollectible accounts \$80,000. The bankers offer no explanation of the shortage of \$3,655,275 between the liabilities and the total assets. This discrepancy still remains a mystery. The statement filed in the county court shows that the bank has been an insolvent institution for ten years.

Stockholders Put Up More Money.

Chicago, Dec. 31.—The Dime Savings bank has been saved, it is announced, by the sacrifice of the stockholders, who have gone down into their pockets and paid an assessment of some 30 per cent. The examination of Auditor Gray is understood to have found a large deficiency in the bank's assets, and rather than have the institution close its doors the directors put the bank on its feet.

Arkansas City Merchant Fails.

Arkansas City, Kas., Dec. 31.—(Special.) The St. Louis Bargain store of William Hamilton & Co., of this city, was closed this morning by the mortgagee, who held liens against the stock for \$5,000. It is claimed by the proprietor that the stock will be sold for \$10,000, but Hamilton's large store at Ponca City, O. T., but it is not involved.

Warrensburg Implement Failure.

Warrensburg, Mo., Dec. 31.—(Special.) Reel & Hughes' Implement store, closed to-day. A mortgage of \$1,200 was given to the Deering Harvester Company, of Chicago, Ill., who has his charge of the stock. The store was in the neighborhood of \$5,000; assets, \$10,000.

New York Importer Goes Under.

New York, Dec. 31.—Obelisk H. Spier, doing business under the name of Spier & Co., Importer of goods in furniture, bric-a-brac and antiques, to-day confessed judgment for \$8,000. The liabilities are said to be \$10,000. Depression in trade caused the failure.

Perry, O. T., Grocery Attached.

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A French Bank Failure.

Paris, Jan. 1.—The bank failure is announced at Caen and David and Julien Reiller & Co. for to-day. The bank was in liquidation. The failure will probably ruin all of the farmers in the district.

Bentley, Neb., Bank to Fail.

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Police Boards to Stay.

Governor-Elect Leedy Will Do Nothing to Overthrow the Metropolitan Police System.

Topeka, Kas., Dec. 31.—(Special.) The measure of Governor-Elect Leedy to the legislature will contain no recommendation for the repeal of the Metropolitan police law, and he will not, as governor, abolish the system in the six large cities in Kansas. The message will remain silent on the subject, and he will appoint commissioners for these cities. This plan was decided upon to-day, after mature deliberation. Ever since the election, the governor-elect has spent more time pondering over the question what to do with the police matters than all other questions combined. There were so many different things to take into consideration and so many suggestions made in favor of both sides of the question that it befuddled even the mind of a Populist officer-elect. After "weighing everything carefully and for the best interests of the greatest number," Mr. Leedy to-day made up his mind to retain the police boards.

The chief cause which led the governor-elect to reach this decision was the fact that the cities which maintain metropolitan systems are naturally Republican. The Populists in those places maintained that to abolish the system and give the people home rule would be to turn over all the ammunition to the enemy which was captured at the recent election. They asserted that the police were a necessary part of the political affairs in the large cities, and that if that power were turned over to the Republicans, the Populists in those places might as well go out of business. Their argument in that line was so forcible that Leedy could not withstand it, with an ambition for a re-election concealed in his vest pocket. He was being pursued so industriously by the city folks that he cut loose to-day and announced to some of his friends that he proposed to retain the police boards and would not advocate the repeal of the metropolitan law.

For the Wakeeney Land Office.

Topeka, Kas., Dec. 31.—(Special.) The friends of Mr. Perryman are pushing his claims for the position of receiver of the Wakeeney land office. Mr. Perryman is now employed in the state treasurer's office. Joseph G. Colby is an applicant for the position, and it is said that his name is on the slate.

Armistice Can Be Postmaster.

Dodge City, Kas., Dec. 31.—(Special.) J. A. Armistice, chairman of the Ford county Republican central committee, has a lead pipe cinch on the Dodge City postoffice. He is the only candidate for the office, and he has the endorsement of all the leading Republicans in this section.

Two Auditors' Clerks Resign.

Topeka, Kas., Dec. 31.—(Special.) Ed Smith, of Kansas City, Kas., and Irving Cole, of Girard, two clerks in the state auditor's office, resigned their positions to-day. Mr. Smith has accepted a place in the office of the Memphis Railroad Company at Kansas City.

The Colby, Kas., Postoffice.

Colby, Kas., Dec. 31.—(Special.) Bob Gonnigal, clerk of the appellate court for this district, is likely to be the next postmaster of Colby. He can set the pace, and his friends are urging him to go after it.

Will Soon Be Starving Again.

The \$65,000 Appropriation Inadequate to Relieve the Louisiana Famine.

Monroe, La., Dec. 31.—It is said that the \$65,000 appropriation by the state for the relief of the drought sufferers will not be adequate. Careful estimates show that the amount distributed will not furnish bread for more than two weeks, and by February 1 three-fourths of the people of the drought-stricken region will be without the means of support.

Yellow Fever Germ Discovered.

London, Jan. 1.—A dispatch from Rome to the Standard says that a young Italian doctor named Casarelli, who has himself recovered from the disease in Rio Janeiro, has discovered the yellow fever germ, and has given the details of his discovery under seal to the Rome Academy of Medicine.

REFORMS FOR CUBA.

OUTLINE OF THE AUTONOMY THAT SPAIN PROPOSES.

ANNOUNCED IN WASHINGTON.

GOES INTO EFFECT IN THE ISLAND OF PORTO RICO AT ONCE.

To Be Promulgated in Cuba as Soon as Pacification Is Effected—Maceo Declared to Be Still Alive—His Successor Reported Dead.

Washington, Dec. 31.—The form of autonomy which Spain is willing to grant to Cuba, was decided upon in Madrid to-day at a council of the ministry, presided over by the queen regent. The decree still lacks the official endorsement of the cortes, but this, it is believed, will easily be obtainable when conditions have reached such a point that the Spanish authorities believe the importation of arms upon the island without disturbance and turmoil from any discontented factions. This information reached the Spanish legation to-night, and Minister De Loma was authorized to make public the concessions agreed upon. These reforms are to go into effect immediately in Porto Rico and are announced to-day in the desire to promulgate them as a New Year's gift to the citizens of Porto Rico. These same measures of relief, it is said, will be announced in Cuba as soon as the pacification of the island is such that the reforms can be brought about without such serious consequences as would be caused by the insurgents. It is claimed that, should the rebellious notions of the island indicate their willingness to accept the system of home rule suggested by Spain, and cease the insurrection, the reforms would go into effect immediately. Though the decree announced to-night is intended for Porto Rico alone, when they are effected in Cuba they will be on an enlarged scale, and Porto Rico also will be favored with the larger rights allowed Cuba. Friends of the Spanish legation here state that these reforms will not be put into effect by the intervention of the United States.

Senor De Loma said to-night: "The reform law was voted by the cortes in February, 1896. It was accepted by the Autonomist party and carried unanimously in the party. Among the voters were such conspicuous autonomists as Montoro, Gervasio, Latorre, Ferrer, Fernandez and Gonzalez, all Cubans. The leaders of the Autonomist party of Porto Rico have been in Madrid this winter, and the royal decree has been returned to the cortes. The law has been printed as a new plan of reform by the Spanish legation in May last in the Autonomist party of Porto Rico. The restrictions on the appointment of councilors are not against the people, but a restriction of the powers of the government. Nearly all the councilors appointed by the crown are to be taken from people that have received votes from the electors or have been prominent in the business community or are among the principal taxpayers.

"Enrique Varona, the member of the New York junta, and even people now in the island, who have been elected by the crown, and, of course, elected.

"The object of the reforms in Cuba and Porto Rico is to transfer to the council of administration of each island powers which hitherto have been attributes of the government of Madrid. It will examine the reforms and announced state that this council of administration is to be composed of the following: First, of six provincial assemblies of the region in which the next biennial election shall take place, and six councilors appointed by the supreme government. The councilors appointed by the government must be qualified as follows:

"To be or to have been president of a chamber of commerce, of the Economic Society of Friends of the country, or of the Association of Agriculturists.

"To be or to have been director of the Institute of San Juan, or dean of the Corporation of Lawyers of San Juan de Puerto Rico.

"To be or to have been for four years previously one of the fifty principal taxpayers of the island.

"To have been a senator or representative to the cortes in two or more legislatures.

"To have been elected two or more times president of the provincial assembly, or two years mayor of San Juan de Puerto Rico.

The council is to deliberate upon the general estimates of expenditures and revenues of the island, upon the general accounts with the finance department of the island, which must be presented annually within the six months following the end of the financial year; upon the removals or suspensions of the mayor or aldermen, and upon the removals or suspensions of the municipal officers that emanate from the provincial assembly.

The provincial assembly shall resolve, in accordance with the laws and regulations, whatever it may deem proper for the management in the whole island of public works, posts and telegraphs, railways and navigation, agriculture, manufactures, trade, immigration and colonization, public instruction, charities and the health department, without prejudice, of the sovereignty of the nation or which laws reserve to the supreme government.

The revenues for its appropriations shall consist of: First, of the proceeds of the land and rents that are the property of the province or of the institutions whose management pertains to the provincial assembly; of the proceeds of the taxes of the state, which are collected by the finance department; of the proceeds of the contributions it may demand from the municipalities, the contributions being approved by the provincial assembly.

It shall be the duty of the authorities of the island, to carry out the resolutions of the provincial assembly.

Although the budget for the island must be finally voted by the Spanish parliament, the Autonomist party, and the powerful representation to the cortes, enjoying in this respect a great advantage over the English cortes.

CLEARED FOR CUBA.

Steamer Commodore Off With a Cargo of Arms and Ammunition for the Insurgents.

Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 31.—The steamer Commodore cleared at the custom house to-day for Cuba, with a cargo of arms and ammunition consigned to Salvador Cisneros, president of the Cuban republic, at Cien Fuegos, Cuba. A crew of twenty-seven men was carried, despite the fact that the Commodore is of only ninety-nine tons register. Most of these were Cubans. Among the number was Stephen Crane, the novelist, who signed as a seaman at \$30 per month. The cargo consisted of the following: One thousand pounds of dynamite, two boxes electric apparatus, 30 rifles, 30,000 cartridges, 300 machetes, 100 boxes of drugs and three bundles of clothing.

Clearance papers were issued, notwithstanding that a formal protest was made by Senor Solis, Spanish consul for Florida, who was made known to the collector, and regulations of ports of entry in Cuba prohibit the importation of munitions of war except upon the written permission of the governor general of the island, and also upon the ground that it is the belief

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